PROCLAMATION

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Covernor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

REPRODUCED FROM THE HOLDINGS OF THE TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

I disapprove, and am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State

House Bill 647. This Bill would permit all Common School District Boards
of Trustees to appoint boards of equalization and tax assessors and collectors
if the Board "determines that the amount of taxes which may be levied and
collected using assessed valuations for state and county purposes is not
sufficient to provide for an adequate school system in the district." For the
367 Districts with less than 500 scholastics an election is required prior to
such action; for the other 94 Districts, action can be taken by the Board without an election. Heretofore, only 5 Common School Districts containing 330
scholastics have been granted this authority and it was granted in 1963 (Article
2756d).

Thus, for assessing and collecting taxes, Common School Districts would have the same authority as that granted to Independent School Districts. The questions of school district organization and financing are within the purview of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, authorized by Senate Bill 4 and passed by this Legislature. It is inadvisable to make a major policy change of this nature at this time.

House Bill 647 was received in the Governor's Office on May 31, 1965, less than 10 days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 59th Legislature and in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, the Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin this / B day of June, 1965.

By the Governor:

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FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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